

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following: (a clean copy of the new Abstract is provided herewith on a separate sheet)

~~--Rectificative separation of liquids comprising (meth)acrylic monomers in a rectification column~~

~~Abstract~~ ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~In a~~ A process for rectificatively separating liquids ~~comprising~~ containing (meth)acrylic monomers in a rectification column is provided, in which a stream is withdrawn from the rectification column and recycled into the rectification column as a molecular oxygen-enriched liquid phase.--